

KANSAS NEWS.

Short Cullings From all Parts of the State.

Hog cholera has appeared in Cherokee county.

Noodlesha has gone dry. The sheriff pulled the joints last week.

The bee breeders will meet in Beloit this month and talk of stings and honey.

A defective ordinance cost Atwood \$300. That is cheaper than defective sidewalks.

The farmers of Western Kansas are offered 70 cents for their rye, but are holding for \$1.

It is estimated that Wilson county will ship in 20,000 bushels of corn this month. Drouth.

Atchison has organized a board of trade. This is a biennial habit which prevails all over Kansas.

Four hundred bushels from five acres of oats is the claim made by D. W. Shannon of Washington county.

Taxes are now payable and the penalty will attach December 10. But taxes are not a dread this year. Again the crops.

An Atchison barber employs his spare time at preaching and evangelistic work. He finds it a profitable way of advertising.

Boys of Topeka's first families are in the habit of breaking into the gymnasium of the local Y. M. C. A. and stealing things.

J. J. M. Church of White Cloud shipped twenty-four carloads of apples this season besides filling local orders for several hundred barrels.

The Knights of Pythias will give a grand ball at Wichita on the evening of December 15. The orchestra will consist of fourteen pieces.

A couple of lawyers were arrested in Winfield for breaking one of the commandments. There was no scuffle by which they could reach the roof of the house.

The Topeka Journal complains because first-class theatrical troupes do not prosper in that town, while the "rockiest presentations have only standing room."

The Kansas dairy association will meet at Clay Center Christmas week. Clay Center grocers are providing a large stock of oleomargarine for their entertainment.

Ed Idol of White Cloud sold 5,000 bushels of wheat at 75 cents. He also sold 10,000 bushels of corn at 31 cents. He will have 1,200 acres in wheat and corn next season. He is an Idol worth preserving.

A stray bullet entered the residence of R. B. Barger at Newton last week. It is supposed to have been the careless act of some rabbit hunter. Mr. Barger should warn all rabbits off his premises.

The people along the line of the Salina & Onkley railroad are making a vigorous kick on the way trains are being run. They claim that their mail facilities are inadequate.

A railroad locomotive while standing at Greenleaf recently, was run off by some unknown person. A switch engine was started in pursuit and captured the fugitive locomotive a mile and a half from Greenleaf.

Wichita has a humane society which actually assists the poor and provides for homeless children. It also secures work for willing persons who are out of employment. It elects officers, too, without a quarrel.

The Lawrence Journal states that the Beals incident shows that lots of papers do not know how to spell kidnapped. Upon the other hand, it shows that the Journal does not know that authorities differ. Both kidnapped and kidnapped are correct.

The Newton Republican devotes a half column to twenty kegs of beer consumed at an sitting by its citizens and then penetrates the following editorial joke: "Milwaukee will contest with St. Louis for the place of holding the next democratic national convention. Each city claims the best facilities for furnishing a full supply of beer."

Florence Hartley, court reporter at Wichita, is the first woman in the state to hold such a position. Being left an orphan, she learned stenography without a teacher from a manual, studying seven hours a day. In 1885 she was in Wichita where an important trial was in progress. It was being reported in a very lame manner by a man, who finally gave it up, and Miss Hartley was asked to undertake it. She did the work so well that she held the office ever since. She now has a beautiful office in the fine new court house of Sedgewick county with flowers and pictures and other feminine surroundings.

Bourbon county teachers presented a flag to Crawford county last year for sending the largest delegation to the annual meeting. This year Crawford county offered a prize and gave the same flag to Cherokee county. Thus Bourbon furnished the prize which has been made a trophy. The Bourbon teachers deem it unfair, but as Christmas is approaching, many partisans will be found on the side of Crawford.

Treasurer Landes of Stafford county has resigned, and is considerably short in his accounts. He says burglars got the money.

Dom Pedro's Funeral.

PARIS, Dec. 9.—For the first time since the body of the great Napoleon was recovered from St. Helena, Paris today witnessed an imperial funeral, very different, however, from the historic display that attracted 1,000,000 witnesses and was attended by 150,000 soldiers. The funeral of the deposed emperor of Brazil took place under cover of darkness. There was no grand parade of soldiers and the enormous crowd that witnessed the solemn and simple procession seemed impressed by the lesson of the scene.

The fact that the ex-emperor of Brazil had carried with him into his exile a quantity of the soil of his beloved Brazil became known to the public to-day and deeply touched all hearts, for none are quicker than Frenchmen to appreciate love of country. Dom Pedro had carried this Brazilian earth with him from place to place wherever he journeyed in his exile. It was dug hastily in the garden of his summer palace at Petropolis, when he bowed to the decree of banishment from Brazil, and he carried it with him on the Alagos to Lisbon. This soil was put in his coffin so that his head and body rested upon it.

The coffin was covered with Brazilian flags and conveyed on a bier covered with black velvet, studded with silver stars. There was no ostentation in the display. Everything was as simple as Dom Pedro himself might have desired. The popularity of Dom Pedro was attested by the respectful silence of the Parisian crowd. Not a jeer was heard and the police had but little trouble in preserving order.

The remains were received at the entrance of the church of the Madeleine by the Abbe Le Debourg. The interior of the church was draped in black and the Brazilian colors adorned the catafalque upon which the dead emperor's remains were to rest during the services. The church was thronged. The Abbe Le Debourg officiated at the solemn service and among those present were many of the notable residents of Paris. The remains will be conveyed from the Madeleine to rest in the royal Braganza vault at Lisbon.

Boyd and Thayer.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Into the hands of the supreme court of the United States the question of who is rightfully governor of Nebraska, was placed yesterday afternoon. The arguments in the case occupied just four hours. Opinion is divided among those who had attended the court as to whether Boyd or Thayer will win. Three or four of Nebraska's most eminent citizens, who are interested directly in the case, but heard all the arguments and watched the expressions on the face of the justices of the supreme court, expressed the opinion tonight that Thayer will not be disturbed in his position. One distinguished Nebraskan expressed the belief, however, that after the arguments of Cowin and Estabrook, the supreme court could not fail to declare Boyd a citizen.

Many Cases of LaGrippe.

TOPEKA, Kas., Dec. 9.—The grip epidemic has struck this city in full force. The local board of health estimates that there are 2,000 cases. There is hardly an office or business which has not been affected by the epidemic. This morning sixty-five men from the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe shops were treated at the city dispensary.

MACOMB, Ill., Dec. 9.—La grippe is raging in Macomb and vicinity. Physicians report about 500 cases in this city alone. But few deaths have yet occurred, although there are dozens of people in serious conditions.

MONMOUTH, Ill., Dec. 9.—La grippe is making its annual visitation and it is estimated that over one hundred persons are down with the disease.

Rescued From Jail.

STARKE, Fla., Dec. 9.—Frank Foster, who was to have been hanged here on Thursday for the murder of W. H. Epperson two years ago, was forcibly taken from the county jail last night by a party of unknown men. It was at first believed that he was the victim of a lynching party but as no trace of Foster's body can be found, the opinion is now general that he was rescued by friends. A posse has been sent to look for the prisoner.

Troops Ordered Out.

MILES CITY, Mont., Dec. 9.—Orders have been received at headquarters in St. Paul that the troops at Fort Keogh go to Cheyenne agency, as the reds are dancing in violation of the orders of the agent, and have notified him that they intend to make an attack. Considerable alarm is felt, and danger is feared by settlers from roving reds, bent on plunder and murder, rather than from concerted action.

Double Tragedy.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 9.—Professor W. H. McCubbin, a prominent citizen of Marysville, Ark., last night shot and killed his wife and then turned the pistol on himself, with fatal results. The tragedy was caused by jealousy.

Paying the Sugar Bounty.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The treasury department has begun the payment of the sugar bounty.

FALLS CITY, Neb., Dec. 9.—This city is being shaken from center to circumference, in religious circles through the attack of Rev. Mr. Black against the Entre Nous club, composed of leading society people, organized for the purpose of enjoying high life. Among its members are some of the leading lights of the Christian church. The edict has been promulgated by him and a few of the faithful that cards and dancing must go. The majority of the members are asking for their letters of withdrawal, which the church refuses to grant.

A DELICATE TASK.

BUT ONE THAT CANNOT BE SHIRKED.

Party Leaders in Congress Struggling with the Make-up of the Various Committees—Louisville has an Extensive Holocaust.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Notwithstanding the fact that the organization of both branches of congress has been perfected in the main details, it still remains for the managers at each end of the capitol to supply committees before the Fifty-second congress can begin the discharge of its proper functions. Already the managers of both branches are struggling with the problem of how to accommodate each aspirant for a committee appointment with the personal preference without causing discontent and with due regard to public policy. It is said upon good authority that Speaker Crisp has not, up to today, offered a single committee chairmanship to any member of the house, and for that reason reports as to his intentions are purely speculative. The speaker has, to a few friends, outlined the policy which will govern him, as far as the individual characteristics of the members will permit, in the make-up of the committees. He will, it is learned, endeavor to give the west and north prominence and avoid, as far as possible, charges of sectionalism.

Louisville's Holocaust.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 10.—While the firemen were raking away the ruins of the Boone Paper company at 1:30 yesterday morning there came a second terrific explosion in the Bamberger, Strong & Co. building, four stories high. In an instant flames broke out from every floor and shot through the roof. The fire must have been smoldering for several hours in the cellar and when each of the four stories had been filled with heated air and smoke the explosion followed. It was with great difficulty that the firemen prevented the flames from spreading further. A number of people were sleeping in the upper rooms of the building, but all escaped.

Late information shows that a number of firemen were caught under the falling wall of Bamberger, Strong & Co.'s building. Fire Chief Hughes and Captain Weatherford were injured. Four dead firemen lay under the walls and four others were badly hurt.

At 8 o'clock another fatal fire was raging at F. A. Menn & Co.'s wholesale candy and fancy grocery house, a square above the Boone Paper company's building. The origin of the fire is a mystery. Forty girls were at work on the fourth floor and all were not able to escape. The bodies of six girls have already been taken out, burned almost beyond identification. G. T. Menn, a brother of the senior member of the firm, is supposed to have been burned to death, and the firemen think that at least five other girls will be found as soon as thorough search is made. The loss is estimated at three-quarters of a million.

Mongols Again Defeated.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—A dispatch was received today at the Chinese legation stating that the rebels in Northern China had another engagement with the imperial troops, and the insurgents sustained a more crushing defeat. The government forces are following up their victories and the complete annihilation of the rebels is expected in a few days. These reports of war do not substantiate the recent statement that the uprising was only local.

Giving the Wife a Chance.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 10.—Chief Justice Elliott of the Indiana supreme court today handed down a decision, the other judges concurring, in which it is decided that a wife has a perfect right to sue for damages against any one who alienates her husband's affections. This is contrary to the old common law and usual custom of the country, the man alone being accorded the prerogative of obtaining a money recompense for his wife's love.

Deaths of a Maniac.

FUERLO, Col., Dec. 10.—Early this morning J. W. Knors, an insane passenger from Marysville, Cal., shot and instantly killed Joe Lampkin, night watchman of the Santa Fe at La Junta, Col. Knors then cut his own throat with a pocket knife and slowly bled to death.

Shot on a Train.

ST. JOSEPH, Dec. 10.—An east-bound Rock Island train, while between Leroy and Bindena, was fired upon by an unknown person. The charge seriously injured Miss Mary James of Sandwich, Ill. Officers are in search of the shooter.

Fined for a Murder.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 10.—A San Angelo special says: In district court today J. Igo, a gambler, was found guilty of killing John Callison here last spring and was fined \$37 and costs.

Hanged for Murder.

GREENVILLE, Miss., Dec. 10.—Forest Thomas, colored, was hanged here today for the murder of Hayward Bryant, colored, in November, 1890.

Wanted to Die.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 10.—Mrs. R. P. Lewis, 20 years old, attempted suicide at the St. Charles hotel this afternoon by taking chloroform. She was discovered, however, before the drug had time to act, and her life saved. Her husband, a traveling salesman for a Pittsburgh glass firm, instituted suit for divorce today on the ground of infidelity, a clerk in the Seventh Avenue hotel being made co-respondent. Mrs. Lewis said she wanted to die because her husband persisted in securing a divorce.

Little Exaggeration.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 7.—Japanese papers are filled with further details of the great earthquake. The loss of life is less than at first reported, but the destruction of property and the misery of the survivors has not been exaggerated. Information grows more pitiful and serious as time goes on. Though it is more than a week since the earthquake, bodies are still being recovered. The worst was not discovered until yesterday, for it has been found that the most awful results of the visitation were experienced in Neo valley, in Gifu-Ken. Here a subsidence of the ground took place to the depth of thirty feet. The ancient temple of Saikoji, at Mizutori, sunk up to its roof and all the houses are described as looking as if giant hands had crushed them into the earth. Two hundred crushed bodies had been taken out at this place up to November. Twenty villages have entirely disappeared.

Claims Part of a Town.

ASHLAND, Wis., Dec. 7.—G. T. Thomas, an Ashland real estate dealer, has commenced action to gain possession of 300 acres of valuable land right in the heart of West Superior. He claims the land under an old title, which was supposed to have been long ago destroyed. His action has created much excitement among speculators who have purchased lots which lie within the bounds of his claim. A large number of buildings have been erected on the land. Thomas has been gathering evidence and material for the last two years to make this move, and it is thought his chances for recovering the valuable tract of land are good. The property is estimated to be worth nearly \$1,000,000.

After Eight Years.

FREMONT, Neb., Dec. 7.—Eight years ago Robert Jones, son of a widow and grandson of the late Rev. J. W. Osborne, suddenly disappeared from home and no tidings whatever were afterward heard of him. He was then only 8 years old, and whether it is a disappearance was a case of abduction or a decision upon his own part to become a wanderer upon the face of the earth, was a matter of conjecture. Yesterday the boy returned home after his long absence, but so far he has not been induced to give an account of himself or his doings except for the past two years, when, he says, he has been living in Kansas City.

A Minister's Naughty Postal.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Dec. 7.—Rev. Samuel E. Howard of St. Louis, Mich., pleaded guilty yesterday in the United States court to sending an obscene postal card through the mails. The card was written to a brother minister who had recently been received into the church of God and Jesus Christ with Brother Howard, and reminded him that he had a bad record among the ladies of the Methodist church and advised him not to commit the same follies among the sisters in the new affiliation. Howard will be sentenced later.

Work of a Mad Bull.

OTTUMWA, Ia., Dec. 7.—There was great excitement, and almost a tragedy on Main street at noon today, caused by an enraged bull attacking the well known contractor and superintendent of the coal palace, George Withall. The animal had been dehorned, which fact alone saved Withall from being gored to death. President Manning and a dozen other business men were also put to flight by the infuriated beast, which endeavored to climb two flights of stairs and batter in the doors of two business houses. Mr. Withall is badly injured.

A Bad Wreck.

LINE, O., Dec. 7.—A wreck train on the Findlay & Western road went through a bridge three miles east of here today, the cars piling up in a shapeless mass forty feet below. Three Indians, names unknown, were killed and several others were fatally injured.

A passenger train on the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton road struck a buggy on the crossing at Ottawa containing Harry Knipe and William Meadowe. Both men were killed.

Collima in Eruption.

CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 7.—Thursday was a day of terror in Collima. Between the hours 4 and 5:30 p. m. the volcano of Collima was in a state of eruption, and at 8 o'clock that night a heavy shower of ash began falling upon the city. It lasted over an hour, covering the streets and roofs of buildings with ashes and greatly terrifying the inhabitants.

Prohibitory Law Passed.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 7.—The house of representatives yesterday passed, by a vote of 40 to 34, a prohibition bill. The bill absolutely prohibits the sale of beer, liquors, wines, etc., in any portion of the state, or the transportation of either by railroads, express companies, etc., under heavy penalties. It was passed after a bitter fight, lasting two days. The law is said to be framed after that now in force in Iowa.

Cotton Mill burned.

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 7.—The Des Moines cotton mill was burned tonight. The mill employed 150 hands. The value of the property destroyed was about \$150,000; largely covered by insurance.

Found the Skull.

GREAT FALLS, N. H., Dec. 7.—A searching party yesterday found the skull of Isaac Sawtelle, who was murdered about a year ago by his brother Hiram, in the woods near the scene of the tragedy. An examination of the skull showed a hole back of the left ear apparently made by a bullet. Hiram, the murderer, gave the party information which led to the finding of the skull. In a confession he describes the murder and says that he killed Hiram when the latter was trying to escape.

WILL BE QUEEN OF ENGLAND.

Announcement of the Betrothal of Princess Victoria to the Duke of Clarence.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—The announcement of the betrothal of the Duke of Clarence to his third cousin, Princess Victoria of Teck, caused an immense amount of pleasurable excitement about town when it became generally known late last evening. The bulletins at the West End club were surrounded with eagerly commenting crowds, and the news seemed to give general satisfaction.

The Princess is very popular, and it is significant that one of the most frequently heard expressions of praise of the lady who is probably to be the future Queen of England is that "she's English." In fact she is thoroughly an Englishwoman in sentiment, manner, and action, furnishing in this respect a strong contrast to the most of the half English, half German, Princesses connected more or less remotely with the reigning family. Numerous congratulatory telegrams and messages have been pouring in upon the Duke and the Prince of Wales to-day.

The Duke came up to London yesterday and informed his father of his desire to marry Victoria.

The Prince had no objection to offer and bade his son go at once to Windsor and seek the Queen's consent. The mission occupied so short a time—the Duke returning early in the evening—that there is no doubt the Queen's approval of the match was cheerfully given. The Prince of Wales announced the prospective event to his household in the afternoon, and in the evening the official notice was given out. The date of the wedding is not yet fixed, but will probably not be far distant.

CANADIAN FINANCES.

The Total Net Debt, \$236,392,111—Surplus Revenue, \$1,049,079.

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 8.—The total net debt of the Dominion on Nov. 30 was \$236,392,111. The revenue declined \$105,406 last month owing to the removal of the sugar duties. The expenditure on account of consolidated fund was \$3,881,487 for the month, compared with \$3,514,811 for November, 1890. In the five months of the current fiscal year the expenditure has been \$12,546,074, against \$11,795,448 for the corresponding period of last year. The surplus of receipts over expenditures under this head amounted to \$2,492,150, and after deducting the expenditure upon public works, which is really the creation of a permanent asset, the net surplus of revenue over expenditure of all kinds is \$1,049,079 for the first months of the present fiscal year.

FOR MURDERING A BRIDE.

Mrs. Elizabeth Russell in Jail at Eau Claire, Wis.

EAU CLAIRE, Wis., Dec. 4.—Mrs. Elizabeth Russell was arrested last evening and arraigned on a charge of murder in the first degree. About the 1st of April Bertha Erickson, aged 18, a bride of six weeks, died at Mrs. Russell's house. A coroner's jury returned a verdict that Mrs. Russell had caused her death by administering arsenic. Since then the case has slumbered. The husband of the dead woman was working for Mrs. Russell on her farm at the time. It was suspected jealousy had caused Mrs. Russell to do the deed, if she did it.

ST. JOHN DIVORCE CASE.

The Actress Suing for a Separation from Marius Duplancy.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—The suit for divorce by the actress Florence St. John against her husband, Marius Duplancy, was begun today. A counter suit is pending by Duplancy against his wife. Messrs. Cohen and Marks, of the Financial News, are mentioned as co-respondents in the husband's suit. The testimony is of an indecent character.

BURGLARS USE DYNAMITE.

The Belle Center (Ohio) Bank Blown Open and \$1,300 Taken.

BELLEVILLE, Ohio, Dec. 8.—The Belle Center bank safe was blown open with dynamite last night. The burglars secured \$1,000 in bills and \$300 in silver.

Beet Sugar Factory.

GALESBURG, Ill., Dec. 7.—The citizens have completed the raising of the necessary \$50,000 in stock toward the building here of a beet sugar factory to cost \$600,000. The balance of the money to be supplied by a syndicate of Eastern capitalists, the syndicate intend erecting four more such factories at various points of the West.

Three Men Killed by an Explosion.

HORNERSVILLE, Mo., Dec. 7.—The saw mill of Pope & Pulley was wrecked by a boiler explosion last Tuesday. Three men, Curtis Long, William Riley and Lee Clark, were instantly killed. Three other employees were seriously injured. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

Has Left the County for Good.

EMMETTSBURG, Iowa, Dec. 8.—Cashier Daniels, the manager of the West Bend Lumber company, has left the country for good. His company's stockholders are looking for him. The safe has not been opened at last reports and the amount of his shortage has not yet been arrived at.

Cannot Awake Him.

AURORA, Ill., Dec. 5.—J. S. Yase, a prominent farmer living east of Plano, went to sleep as usual Tuesday night and has been asleep ever since. Physicians have been working with him constantly since yesterday morning, but have been unable to awaken him.

Burglar Killed Entering a House.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 5.—Henry Rowmaster, a burglar, was shot dead this morning while trying to break into the residence of James Taylor of Duquesne Pa.

THE FIFTY-SECOND.

CONGRESS CONVENES AT THE CAPITOL.

Owing to the Non-Selection of a Speaker the House Adjourned Without Effecting an Organization—Crisp is Finally Elected.

First Day's Session.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Yesterday occurred the opening of the Fifty-second congress, and at an early hour a great crowd surged through the corridors of the capitol and the house chamber presented a bright appearance. Nothing of interest transpired, and the clerk having announced the presence of 326 members, the house immediately, on motion of Mr. Holman of Indiana, adjourned to meet at noon Tuesday.

In the senate at noon the vice president took the chair and the session opened with prayer by the chaplain, Rev. J. G. Butler. The vice president welcomed the senators to the resumption of their official duties and called the senate to order. After the credentials for the seventeen new senators had been laid before the senate and the swearing in had concluded, resolutions were offered, and agreed to, fixing noon as the daily hour of meeting, and directing the secretary to inform the house of representatives that the senate was ready to proceed to business, and then the senate adjourned.

House.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—When the house convened this morning Crisp, Reed and Watson were placed in nomination, and the result of the first ballot shown: Crisp, 228; Reed, 83; Watson, 8.

The clerk having announced the result, he declared Mr. Crisp duly elected speaker and amid applause. Mr. Crisp made a short speech and expressed his thanks, then took the oath of office.

No important business was transacted and at the conclusion of roll call the house adjourned.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The house yesterday, after the approval of the journal, took a recess for fifteen minutes to await the president's message. After the recess the message was received and read by the clerk. The reading of the annual message in the house never receives attention and the last one proved no exception to the general rule. On the completion of the reading it was referred to the committee of the whole and ordered printed. The house then adjourned until Saturday, with the understanding that a further adjournment will be taken until Wednesday.

Senate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—In the senate immediately after the reading of the journal, the oaths were administered to Messrs. Jones of Arkansas (re-elected), Dubois of Idaho and Call of Florida. After the appointment of Sherman and Harris as a committee to join the house committee in a visit to the president the senate adjourned.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Immediately after the reading of the journal in the senate yesterday, the annual message of the president was presented and read. The reading closed at 1:45, having consumed exactly an hour and a half. It was listened to throughout with close interest. The message was ordered to be laid on the table and printed, and then the senate adjourned.

Georgia's Pride for Speaker.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The caucus met promptly at 10 o'clock this morning and without any preliminary proceedings the secretary began to call the roll. Two ballots were taken and the caucus adjourned until 2 o'clock. The thirteenth ballot disclosed the fact that Crisp of Georgia was the choice for speaker of the house, receiving 119 votes. Mills was a close candidate, receiving 105 votes. There were 227 members present, and the contest was very exciting.

A Disappointed Slogger.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8.—John L. Sullivan departed for Southern California this morning in a state of helpless drunkenness. He came to the ferryboat in a hack and was lodged on board like a sack of wheat. Sullivan bore evidence of having been in a fight. It is stated that Ashton and Sullivan got into an altercation over their cups at Sausalito yesterday. Ashton was comparatively speaking, sober, while John L. was drunk. Words led to blows and the "big fellow" was knocked down. He arose and a rough and tumble fight ensued, in which Ashton got far the better of it. Friends rushed in and separated the pair and John was finally persuaded to go home. His cheek was marked and claret was drawn from his nose. Ashton remained in Sausalito and enjoyed himself for the rest of the day. He and Sullivan have not met since. Sullivan was drunk nearly all last week, but managed to sober up early last night for the theatrical performance.

St. Joseph News "This is my besetting sin," as the hen remarked when she returned to the nest.

Drifts Fifteen Feet Deep.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 8.—Assistant General Passenger Agent Austin, of the Northern Pacific, returned this morning from a trip to Manitoba. He was caught in the recent blizzard and says it is the worst known in nine years. The fall of snow was very heavy and it drifted in places from twelve to fifteen feet deep. The temperature was high and there was no suffering except in perhaps a few isolated cases. The worst feature is that the snow covers a great deal of wheat in the shock.